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STAN ALLEN OF THE PACIFIC STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION
RECEIVES THE STANLEY A. MOBERLY FISH HABITAT CONSERVATION AWARD
FROM THE AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY



(L-R) Gary Whelan, Stan Allen, and Cecil Jennings

(Honolulu) September 17, 2024 – Stan Allen of the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission received the Stanley A. Moberly Award for Outstanding Contributions in Fish Habitat Conservation at the American Fisheries Society (AFS) 154th Annual Meeting in Honolulu, Hawai'i. AFS President Cecil Jennings and First Vice President Gary Whelan presented the award to Stan at one of the conference's plenary sessions.

The Moberly Award is presented to recognize the efforts of as many as three individuals, groups, or projects with an outstanding, long-term record of success in research, management, policy, communications, education, or other fields that support fish habitat conservation. The award was developed in 2019 by the AFS Fish Habitat Section in partnership with NOAA Fisheries and the National Fish Habitat Partnership. The award is named after AFS Past President Stanley A. Moberly, whose leadership, vision, and 20+ years of effort helped to establish the [National Fish Habitat Partnership](#).

After completing his education at Boise State University, Allen has had a long and distinguished career in fisheries starting with Idaho Department of Fish and Game in 1980 as a Biological Aid and working up to the Information Resource Data Manager, where he was responsible for building a consistent and verifiable river database. This work resulted

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in the protection of over 40,000 miles of streams in the Columbia River Basin from additional hydropower development. In the mid-1990s, Allen then moved to the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission where he has been a Senior Program Manager for 31+ years. His work there has included the development of the CalFish system to support habitat efforts for anadromous fish and development of StreamNet, a cooperative data effort that has been the foundation for the support of fish conservation in the Pacific Northwest. He has also managed countless fisheries projects, currently including 80 projects with 150-175 employees, such as the reintroduction of salmonids in California Central Valley tributaries, the Klamath River watershed rehabilitation, and Pacific Coast, in particular in California, fish passage barrier identification, removal, and mitigation.

When he was not handling these duties, he is heavily involved with the National Fish Habitat Partnership, starting in 2005 as a key member of the NFHP Board's Science and Data Committee. He then became a long-time Board member and now is the Vice Chair of the Board, ensuring NFHP continues its incredible fish habitat conservation work.

“Stan Allen is one of those remarkable people who make a quiet difference every day to our fisheries and fish habitat,” said First Vice President Whelan. “A truly remarkable story of a career’s work which is not yet complete—it is due to professionals like Stan that our fisheries do, can, and will perform to their capabilities.”

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Editor’s Notes:

A high-resolution photo of the award presentation is available: <https://flic.kr/p/2qiTDoF>

Founded in 1870, the [American Fisheries Society](#) (AFS) is the world’s oldest and largest fisheries science society. The mission of AFS is to improve the conservation and sustainability of fishery resources and aquatic ecosystems by advancing fisheries and aquatic science and promoting the development of fisheries professionals. With five journals and numerous books and conferences, AFS is the leading source of fisheries science and management information in North America and around the world.